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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

For the second regular session of the Executive Board
to be held at United Nations Headquarters from
20 to 23 March 1995

SUMMARY

The present document contains the provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the second regular session of 1995 of the Executive Board. The annex provides the proposed timetable for the session.

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening of the session: remarks by the President and the Executive Director

Introductory statements will be made by the President of the Executive Board and the Executive Director.

2. Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work
[For review and Board approval]

The provisional agenda has been structured in accordance with Executive Board decisions 1994/R.1/2 and 1994/R.3/9, as well as with other relevant decisions. It has been shared with Board members (EB/1995/017 of 22 February 1995) and takes into account comments and suggestions submitted by several members of the Board.

3. Management review of UNICEF
[For review and Board approval]

Prepared in response to Executive Board decision 1995/7 adopted at the first regular session of 1995, the report on strengthening management in UNICEF, contained in document E/ICEF/1995/AB/L.4, constitutes the secretariat's initial response to the recommendations of the management review. It also includes advice on recommended priorities for action, the initial implementation process, broad priority areas for implementation and funding requirements. The Board is requested to adopt a draft recommendation on the establishment, including operating budget, of a management task force.

4. Proposals for UNICEF cooperation and programme reviews and regional reports
[For review and Board approval]

Some 48 country programme proposals for UNICEF cooperation, among other submissions, will be submitted to the Board for approval. There are a significant number of short-duration "bridging" programmes in 1995 because UNICEF is working to harmonize its country programme cycles with those of the members of the Joint Consultative Group on Policy and, as much as possible, with national development planning cycles.

As requested by the Executive Board in its decision 1994/A/8 adopted at its 1994 annual session, the secretariat will present one or more example(s) of country programmes incorporating all applicable issues outlined in the same decision. In line with normal practice, in-depth presentations will be made in 1995 in respect of selected country programmes. UNICEF cooperation will cover:

(a) Eastern and Southern Africa;

(b) West and Central Africa;

(c) East Asia and the Pacific;

(d) South Asia;

(e) Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States;

(f) Americas and the Caribbean;

(g) Middle East and North Africa.

As requested by the Board in its decision 1994/R.2/7 adopted at the second regular session of 1994, there also will be a report on UNICEF assistance to Palestinian children and women (E/ICEF/1995/P/L.40) for review under the discussion on programme cooperation in the Middle East and North Africa region. Also, as requested in the same decision, an in-depth presentation will be made on UNICEF activities for Palestinian children and women.

As has been the practice since 1988, in order to gain time for the consideration of programmes and programme policy, the reports of the regional directors will be taken as read rather than presented verbally. The regional directors, however, will make brief statements providing a succinct regional overview and comments on their respective country programmes. There also will be opportunities outside the scheduled meetings of the Executive Board for interested Board members to have informal discussions with the regional directors and other field staff present.

There are individual country programme recommendations, as well as regional, subregional and interregional recommendations. A summary of 1995 recommendations for general resources and supplementary funding programmes (known informally as the "round-up" paper) is provided in document E/ICEF/1995/P/L.10 and Add.1. There is a report on the use of general resources for projects approved for supplementary funding (E/ICEF/1995/P/L.39) and a report on the reduction of outstanding balances through savings or cancellations and funds to cover overexpenditures on approved projects (E/ICEF/1995/P/L.38).

The Board will review each full country programme recommendation individually rather than collectively, which had been the practice prior to 1993.

5. Reports on field visits by Executive Board members to Africa and Asia
[For review]

Two teams of Executive Board members, selected by their respective regional groups, visited Burkina Faso and Uganda in Africa and India and the Lao People's Democratic Republic in Asia to observe UNICEF programme activities in the field. The respective team leaders will present the reports on these field visits, which will be combined into one document (E/ICEF/1995/CRP.16). The Board may consider adopting appropriate decisions on the basis of their recommendations.

6. Health strategy for UNICEF
[For review and Board approval]

The report on the health strategy for UNICEF (E/ICEF/1995/11) responds to Executive Board decision 1992/22 (E/ICEF/1992/14), which requested UNICEF to elaborate further on its health strategy in the context of community-focused health sector development. It also responds to guidance provided by the Executive Board following its review of an initial report that was submitted to the third regular session of 1994. The report has been shared with members of the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy (JCHP), whose written comments, once received, will be incorporated in a document for review. As requested previously by the Board (decision 1994/R.2/2), the health strategy report is to be reviewed in conjunction with the report of the JCHP meeting held in Geneva on 30 and 31 January 1995 (E/ICEF/1995/P/L.9) (see paragraph 7 below).

7. Report of the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy on its session held in Geneva on 30 and 31 January 1995
[For review and Board approval]

The report of the meeting of the UNICEF/WHO JCHP held in Geneva on 30 and 31 January 1995 is contained in document E/ICEF/1995/P/L.9. As requested by the Executive Board at its first regular session of 1995 (decision 1995/4), the

President of the Board will present the report of the joint committee to the Board, outlining the issues raised, the recommendations made and their context, and the future implications of the recommendations (E/ICEF/1995/CRP.17). As noted in paragraph 6 above, this report is to be reviewed in conjunction with the report on the health strategy for UNICEF (E/ICEF/1995/11).

8. Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo in September 1994
[For review and Board approval]

At the third regular session of 1994, it was decided to include an agenda item on follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) for discussion at the second regular session of 1995 (decision 1994/R.3/9). The report is contained in document E/ICEF/1995/12. In addition, in its decision 1995/5 on annual reports to the Economic and Social Council adopted at the first regular session of 1995, the Board decided that one part of the annual report of the Executive Director also will be the report to the Economic and Social Council. One of the sections of that report will include as a principal theme UNICEF support to implementation of the programme of action of the conference. The Board is requested to endorse the framework of UNICEF follow-up to the conference.

9. Election of Executive Board representatives from the Latin American and Caribbean group of States to the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education
[For Board action]

As decided at the first regular session of 1995 (decision 1995/1), the Executive Board will elect the member and alternate from the Latin American and Caribbean group of States to the UNESCO/UNICEF Joint Committee on Education for the 1995-1996 biennium.

10. Adoption of decisions
[For review and Board approval]

Draft decisions that may be put forward in addition to those contained in documentation for the second regular session will be adopted under this agenda item.

11. Other matters
[For review]

Following a discussion at the first regular session of 1995 of the report on UNICEF support to the joint and co-sponsored United Nations programme on human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immune deficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS), as contained in document E/ICEF/1995/7, the secretariat agreed to provide an update on progress to date on UNICEF participation in the joint and co-sponsored programme for submission to the Board at its second regular session of 1995. The report is contained in document E/ICEF/1995/CRP.15.

12. Closing of the session: remarks by the Executive Director and the President

The Executive Director and the President will make concluding remarks, followed by the closure of the session.

Annex

Proposed timetable and organization of work for the second regular session of 1995 of the Executive Board, 20-23 March 1995

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10 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	Item 1:	Opening of the session: statements by the President and the Executive Director
	Item 2:	Adoption of the provisional agenda and timetable and organization of work
10.30 a.m.-12 noon	Item 3:	Management review of UNICEF
12 noon-1 p.m.	Item 4:	Proposals for UNICEF cooperation and programme reviews and regional reports:
		(a) Eastern and Southern Africa
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 4:	Programme reviews (continued):
		(a) Eastern and Southern Africa
		(b) West and Central Africa
		Tuesday, 21 March
10 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 4:	Programme reviews (continued):
		(c) East Asia and the Pacific
		(d) South Asia
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Item 4:	Programme reviews (continued):
		(e) Central and Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Baltic States
		(f) Americas and the Caribbean
		(g) Middle East and North Africa
		(i) Report on the reduction of outstanding balances through savings or cancellations and report on the use of general resources for projects approved for supplementary funding

		Wednesday, 22 March
10 a.m.-11.30 a.m.	Item 5:	Reports on field visits by Executive Board members to Africa and Asia
11.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	Item 6:	Health strategy for UNICEF
	Item 7:	Report of the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy on its session held in Geneva on 30 and 31 January 1995
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	Items 6 and 7:	Health strategy for UNICEF and report of the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy on its session held in Geneva on 30 and 31 January 1995
		Thursday, 23 March
10 a.m.-11 a.m.	Item 8:	Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo in September 1994
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